

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
October 8, 1996

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held on Tuesday, October 8, 1996, in the Board Room at 200 South Lamar Blvd. Board members present were Rosemary Castleberry, Chair, Dewayne Naumann, Hermelinda Zamarripa, Phil Friday, Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Marianne Dwight, Rocky Medrano, Mary K. Isaacs.

Staff members present were Jesus M. Olivares, Kendall Moss, Mary Ybarbo, Butch Smith, Kim Jamail Mitchell.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Rosemary Castleberry, Chair.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dewayne Naumann motioned to accept the minutes of September 24, 1996 as written. Phil Friday seconded. The vote was 5-1 to accept (Erma Linda Cruz-Torres, Hermelinda Zamarripa, Dewayne Naumann, Rosemary Castleberry, Phil Friday) (Mary K. Isaacs abstained)

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Max Nofziger, former City Council Member, spoke of the need to improve the immediate area surrounding the Dougherty Arts Center, and creating a pedestrian walkway along Barton Springs Road.

(Marianne Dwight arrived.)

**D. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Recognition of Farhad Madani, Aquatics Manager, by the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association for his work on extending the swim season for Shipe Pool.

Ben Heimsath, immediate past President of the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association, thanked Farhad Madani for his leadership and support in working to keep Shipe Park Pool open until Labor Day. In return Mr. Madani thanked Mr. Heimsath and the HPNA for raising the funds to make it possible.

Austin Metropolitan Trails Council Vision Presentation

Butch Smith, Planner in the Planning and Design Division of the Parks and Recreation Department, informed the board that the Austin Metropolitan Trails Council (AMTC) has developed a comprehensive plan for the trails and greenways around the Austin region. AMTC is a self-supporting organization that encompasses all local government agencies in which the city is a participant and many other groups.

E. ITEMS FOR ACTION

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None were listed on the agenda.

(Rocky Medrano arrived)

F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jesus M. Olivares, Director, informed the board the Zilker train concession contract has expired and that Texas Special, Inc., the new concessionaire, expects to re-open for business by February 1, 1997.

Zone maps were provided board members.

Volunteers opportunities during Halloween, Thanksgiving and Yule Fest were provided to board members.

G. ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS (not for action)

Committee Updates

Per Mary K. Issacs, Land and Facilities Committee will meet on October 22, 1996, to update goals report.

Per Dewayne Naumann the Navigation Committee will meet prior to the next board meeting.

Per Erma Linda Cruz-Torres the Programs Committee will meet at noon on the Monday following a board meeting.

Review of Parks Board By-Laws and Future Recommendations

The proposed amendments to the by-laws will be an action item on the October 22, 1996, board agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.